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1. CONGRESSMAN ELFORD CEDERBERG INTERESTED.
2. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST BY INQUIRING INTO STATUS OF PROFESSOR ERICKSON'S VISA APPLICATION, BUT TO DO SO WILL NEED BASIC INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE OBTAINABLE FROM ERICKSON OR NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING FOLLOWING: DATE APPLICATION FORWARDED BY NIGERIAN EMBASSY TO IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN LAGOS, PASSPORT DATA, DATES OF PREVIOUS VISITS IN NIGERIA, AND NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING.
3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER SEMINARY. NEED TO KNOW ADDRESS, DATE ESTABLISHED, DENOMINATION, WHETHER AFFILIATED WITH U.S. RELIGIOUS OR EDUCATPONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND NAMES OF KEY OFFICIALS OF THE SEMINARY. ALSO NEED TERMS OF ERICKSON'S APPOINTMENT AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF HIS NIGERIAN-CITIZEN SPONSOR, WITHOUT WHICH NO RESIDENCE VISA CAN BE ISSUED.
4. EMBASSY IS NOT INFORMED REGARDING EXISTENCE OF "DANGEROUS PERSONS" LISTS BUT ASSUME SUCH LISTS WOULD BE CLOSELY HELD.

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TM BEFORE INITIATING A POSSIBLY SENSITIVE INQUIRY ON BEHALF
OF PROFESSOR ERICKSON, EMBASSY MUST HAVE ALL THE BACK-
GROUND ON THE CASE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO HIM. THEREFORE
WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW HIS FRIENDS IN
LAGOS WHO HAVE ADVISED HIM THUS FAR AND PRESUMABLY HAVE
SOME FACTS AT THEIR DISPOSAL. IF PROFESSOR ERICKSON WILL
SUPPLY
THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES, EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO
CGNTACT.

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